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SUBJ: NABLUS COUNCILMAN ABU GHAZALEH'S VIEWS ON THE PEACE PROCESS

REF: JERUSALEM A-11

1. NABLUS CITY COUNCILMAN HATIM ABU GHAZALEH TOLD CONGEN AND  
POLOFF AUGUST 23 THAT HE COULD ENVISION A SUCCESSFUL  
TRANSITION FROM THE PRESENT ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF THE  
WEST BANK TO A FUTURE UNDEFINED BUT ACCEPTABLE STATE.

2. ABU GHAZALEH SAID HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY GENERAL ORLY  
(COORDINATOR FOR THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES) WITHIN THE PAST  
WEEKS WHAT HE EXPECTED FROM THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT. HE SAID  
HE REPLIED HIS CONCERN WAS NOT FOR THE RESULTS OF CAMP  
DAVID, BUT THE RESULTS OF THE RESULTS. BY THAT HE MEANT  
WHETHER THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM WOULD BE SOLVED OR WHETHER  
AN AGREEMENT SUCH AS THAT AT RHODES IN 1949 WOULD  
MERELY ELIMINATE PALESTINIANS FROM THE PICTURE TEMPORARILY.

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3. REFERRING TO HIS PREVIOUS PEACE PROPOSAL (REFAIR).  
ABU GHAZALEH SAID HE SUPPORTED TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS  
WHICH WOULD GIVE THE JORDANIANS, EGYPTIANS AND UNITED  
NATIONS ROLES AS WELL AS LOCAL PALESTINIANS. THE FINAL  
OUTCOME OF THE PROCESS WOULD NECESSARILY REMAIN VAGUE,  
HE STRESSED, BUT SUPPORT COULD NONETHELESS BE GENERATED AMONG  
LOCAL PALESTINIANS ESPECIALLY IF A SUBSTANTIAL RETURN OF

REFUGEES COULD TAKE PLACE AND RAPID ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
PURSUED.

4. ABU GHAZALEH SAID HE WOULD BE GOING TO AMMAN AFTER  
RAMADAN TO DISCUSS WITH THE GOJ WHAT HE DESCRIBED  
AS HIS SUCCESS IN GAINING CONTROL OF NABLUS' TRADE  
UNIONS AND CHARITABLE SOCIETIES FROM LEFTISTS.

5. COMMENT: ABU GHAZALEH IS A UNDENIABLY POPULAR, IF SOME-  
WHAT QUIXOTIC, NABLUS POLITICIAN. HIS VIEW ON THE  
DESIRABILITY OF A CERTAIN AMBIGUITY IN TRANSITION ARRANGE-  
MENTS IS ORIGINAL AND UNIQUE, AS FAR AS WE KNOW,  
AMONG WEST BANK PALESTINIANS. ALSO NOTABLE IS THIS AVOWED  
PLO-SUPPORTER'S ENTREE WITH THE GOJ AND THE MILGOV.  
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